

Philadelphia, PA--On Wednesday, January 30, Congressman Sestak attended a breakfast with volunteers and supporters of Angel Flight East (AFE), a non-profit organization of over 500 volunteer pilots who serve their communities with free private air transportation for medically and financially distressed families. — “I am honored to be invited to speak to Angel Flight East this morning, an organization that provides critical transportation services to individuals and families who need it the most. I can understand first-hand how personally consuming and expensive health care can be for a loved one who faces a serious illness, as my own daughter suffered from a malignant brain tumor,” said Congressman Sestak.

The mission of AFE is important as it serves clients in our communities who are facing debilitating health issues, need critical medical care far from home, and are facing overwhelming debt. The organization has provided assistance as our communities have faced national disasters, life events, and personal crises.

Established in 1992, AFE has assisted in national emergencies, such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, by transporting critical emergency personnel and medical supplies. Furthermore, in 2007 they coordinated 700 missions: 35 percent of which were for cancer related treatment, 12 percent were for organ transplants, and 12 percent were burn victims. Additionally, more than half of the patients helped are children. Furthermore, they also provide compassion flights for personal crises, like when family members cannot afford to visit a loved one who is terminally ill.